



BCREA Newsletter



March, 2010

Broward County Retired Educators' Association

Number 204

President Grein Shares Wealth of Information

March Meeting to Feature The Villagers

The Villagers, under the direction of Ron Davis, are a male chorus of 48 members who are residents of John Knox Village. The men range in age from 67-97. The director was choral director at Ft Lauderdale High School from 1960-66 and was the first Supervisor of Music for the Broward County Schools from 1966-85.



If your New Year's resolutions to lose weight, exercise, or clean out your closets have already been forgotten, you're in good company. FREA President **Marie Grein** has just as much trouble keeping resolutions as most people. Her suggestion is to make resolutions that

are more attainable - instead of resolving to lose 10 pounds, resolve to lose just one pound a month. In this way, she can still uphold her presidential theme "The status quo has got to go!"

Small steps are more achievable than giant steps. She encouraged everyone to visit the newly upgraded FREA website at <http://frea.org> and to take advantage of the many benefits that come along with your FREA membership. She encouraged all members who have e-mail to sign up to receive the FREA Bulletin via e-mail instead of USPS - every one that is sent by e-mail saves postage.

Necrology Service Honors Eight

At the Luncheon, **Frances Smoot** and **Darcy Drago**, presented a short Necrology Service to remember those members who died during the past year. They were **Ethelmae Davis**, **James Morris**, **Jerry**

Oglesby, **Carolyn Payne**, **Marjorie Payton**, **Harold Phares**, **Jean Reinhard** and **Robert Rollins**. As Frances read each name, Darcy placed a white rose into a vase. A moment of silence ended the service.



Be Sure To Fill Out and Return Your US 2010 Census Form!

During March, you will receive the 2010 Census form. April 1 is National Census Day - the date by which you should have returned your form. For more information on the importance of filling out your form, go to <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>.

March 4 Meeting

Time: 12:00

Place:

Deicke Auditorium

**Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation**

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program:

The Villagers



Bring to meeting:

A dish to share
 Service Hours Reports
 Campbells labels
 Aluminum pull-tabs
 General Mills labels
 Coupons for our troops
 Old eyeglasses & Cell phones
 Books & Magazines

President's Corner

For me, February 4, 2010 was a day to remember! The luncheon at Tropical Acres was a success! There were 85 members, friends and guests present who were [I hope] delighted with their meal and our State President, Marie Grein, who gave us an update on FREA. The wonderful prizes contributed by our members and merchants were enjoyed by many. We thank **Bright Star Credit Union** for the table decorations which were bears of several colors, mugs full of candy, and balloons too! They also gave four gift cards worth \$25.00 each! Thanks goes to **Doris Emmett**, our Treasurer, for making arrangements and collecting money for our luncheon. We thank **Bev Hoppe** for getting the word out, name tags, and programs. **Bruce Arnold** did a great job of selling raffle tickets and emceeing the drawing. We have a lot of talented members who belong to BCREA.

After the luncheon **Madeline Martin**, **Doris Cotnoir**, **Susan Lochrie**, **Margarite Falconer**, and I went to the Grand Opening Celebration of the Broward County Historical Commission and Museum. We were entertained by the Fort Lauderdale's Children's Theatre. Dignitaries included: **Governor Crist**, along with Mayors, Commissioners, Congressmen, and **Helen Landers**, County Historian. She gave a short history of West Side Grade School. The school has been updated and will house the Museum. We took a tour and enjoyed the past we were able to read about and see. Thank you, Madeline, for spreading the news and invitation to this historical event! We have many members in BCREA who volunteer throughout Broward County - they keep our history alive!

Linda



Community Service / Directories

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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I'm getting ready to compile our community service hours for the FREA annual report. Please turn in all of your unreported volunteer hours for March 2009 through February 2010 at our March meeting. We will continue to collect La-

bels for Education, aluminum pull tabs, eyeglasses, cell phones, books & magazines and manufacturers coupons through May. If you donate coupons, please cut them out.

Thanks!
Darcy

Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards
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We've reached another benchmark! We had to request extra tickets for *Florida Follies "Celebrate!"* at Parker Playhouse on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 1:45 pm. Now, the challenge is for all of us to remember to attend and to be on time; that is the weekend we "Spring Forward," so be sure to re-set your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday. Also, matinees are usually at 2 or 3 pm; **this show is at 1:45 pm!!!** Put notes in your calendar, on your refrigerator, on your bathroom mirror, everywhere you might see it 'cause we'd hate for you to miss this wonderful experience. *Love, Sex and the IRS* on Saturday, April 17 at 2:00 pm at the Stage Door Theatre off of Sample Road in Margate/Coral Springs is the last of our Cultural Activities for 2009-

2010. There is one ticket remaining on our group contract; now is the time to make it yours!!! Send your check for \$35.00 made payable to BCREA to Michele Edwards, 1933 NW 107 Drive, Coral Springs, FL, 33071 immediately. If I receive more than one payment, I'll try to add seats. It would be wonderful to need to increase our number!!!

Please think about becoming the new Cultural Affairs chairperson. My frequent, sporadic travel makes it difficult to provide the best for BCREA. I'll still be glad to help out but would like to see some "new blood" in my chair. Contact me or any board member to clarify the job or to volunteer to take it over.

Michele

Vice-President's Corner

Many, many thanks to all of you for your generous prizes. Everyone was thrilled with their winnings. The luncheon is the main source for our scholarship funds. The more you buy door prize tickets and win those great prizes the more we have to help our young people with scholarships. As always the food was delicious and everyone looked spectacular! We hardly get to dress "up" anymore. If you would like to take a more active part in BCREA, please call one of the officers (we're listed in the Newsletter) or call Susan Lochrie, the chairman of the Nominating Committee.



Margarite

Membership...

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Chairman: Susan Lochrie



Time to Pay your Dues for 2010 - 2011!

Beginning at the March meeting, dues for the 2010 - 2011 club year may be paid at meetings or mailed using the form below to note any changes to your contact information.

The total annual state and local dues are \$45.00. **BCREA will forward the state dues of \$30.00 to FREA.** You will receive a membership card from the FREA and your name will be on the Broward County Retired Educators Association mailing list and listed in the BCREA Directory. The membership year extends from July 2010 through June 30, 2011.

If you have friends who have retired, invite them to one of our meetings or send me their names and addresses and I will send a membership information packet.

Life members do not pay the FREA dues of \$30.00, but DO pay the \$15.00 annual dues to the local unit - BCREA.

Reminder: Members who have Pioneer Insurance Medi-Gap Supplemental Insurance must pay their dues by June 1, 2010.

Remember to check the BCREA website at <http://browardrea.org> and the FREA website at <http://frea.org>.

Broward County Retired Educators Association 2010 - 2011 Membership Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SS #: XXX - XX- ____ (last 4 digits only) Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Date Retired: _____ Retired From: _____

Position: _____

Dues: \$45.00 Donation for Scholarships: \$ _____ Total enclosed: _____

Please make check payable to **BCREA** and mail to: Mrs. Susan Lochrie
PO Box 30533
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303

From the Internet..... I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me endure them with patience, but seal my lips on my own aches and pains - they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by....

Passages



*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club
(members over 85!)*

*Lily Diekman 3/02
Don Fry 3/03
Ed Elder 3/05
Janet Knapp 3/06
Jane Pepper 3/11
Warren Cox 3/20*



*Thinking of You....
Edgar Elder
Rita Sanderson*

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FREA Tours for 2010

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13-night Transatlantic Eastbound cruise departing Fort Lauderdale April 12, 2009 for Ponta Delgado, Azores; Madeira, Portugal; Vigo, Spain; Southampton, England: includes such special amenities as ice skating shows, mini-golf course, pool deck and spas on this great ship. (There are now 33 people on this cruise—roommate for one is wanted.). I am hosting this trip. Join us!

Exploring Britain and Ireland 15 days March 19, 2010 departing from Ft Lauderdale and other cities. Tour begins in London and continues through Ireland, Scotland and Wales includes several Ferry trips and ends in Stratford-Upon-Avon. An exciting trip. Insurance is available and suggested for most trips.

Oberammergau Passion Play and the Imperial Cities 10 days July 15, 2010 featuring Prague, Vienna & Budapest which includes a Danube River cruise, palaces and Castles. Join your fearless leaders in this endeavor. Again a roommate is requested for a single person.*

Reasonable single rates are available. Prices include air as needed. If you need a roommate, please let me know. Be sure to include your name, address & phone number when requesting information about any of the trips even in your E-mail

Always, *Arline Z*

FREF

Chairman: Frances Smoot
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FREF Extravaganza 2010!!!!

Tickets for the exciting FREF Extravaganza 2010 are here and will be sold at the March and April meetings. You have a chance to win four excellent prizes for the cost of \$10.00. Remember - the funds will go to support the state scholarship fund for students who plan to become teachers in the state of Florida. We need your participation.

Frances

Thanks to the following businesses who donated prizes for our Scholarship Raffle:

Bright Star Credit Union
The Crossstich Cupboard,
1600 NE 26th Street, Wilton Manors
Kelley's Landing
Petals Penache Florist - Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors
The Prissy Hen - Cordova Road

Health & I+PS

Chairman: Kathlyn Barno
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Have you broken your New Year's resolutions? Maybe you were going to lose weight or exercise every-day, but you haven't done so in the past several weeks.

Well, now is the time for your second chance. It is the coming of spring, and springtime is the season for housecleaning and getting everything in order. Now is the time to start over again and get back into your routine.

This is also the season to pay the tax man. If you haven't filed your income

tax, get it together so you won't be caught lacking on April 15th.

Helpful hints from an unknown site on the Internet;To remove wax from an item take a paper towel and iron over the wax stain.

.....A slinky will hold toast and CD's.

....Listerine will clean dirty grout

.....To remove labels from glassware rub with peanut butter

Blood Bank Drive continues this month. This is your last chance. *Kathlyn*

Literacy

Chairman: Rosetta Watkins
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Fifth Grade Essay Contest

We only received six (6) essays this year from the two schools participating (Morrow Elementary and Lakeside Elementary). The Literacy Committee will meet to select a winner.

Literacy Hours

The year is coming to an end and we need those literacy

hours. Please bring them to the March meeting, call me or E-mail me.

Thanks to all of you who reported your hours last year, our Unit (BCREA) received a Patch for Literacy at the Assembly and Convention of FREA. Let's do it again this year.

Rosetta

Stranahan House AND...

Thanks to all our members who contributed their treasures to benefit the BCREA Scholarship Fund!

And especially to Carol Roland, who donated 2 fresh floral arrangements that she herself created.

Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:
Darcia Drago
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 200 _____

LITERACY VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Teaching Sunday School, reading to children/adults; tutoring; helping with testing programs, etc; Includes any activities to promote a more literate America. TOTAL _____

WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH:

School, tutoring, mentoring, coaching etc. (Persons 25 years of age or younger. TOTAL: _____

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:

Church, civic, hospital / hospice, personal help to others (non-relatives), school, drug, ecology / environment.

TOTAL: _____

Overlapping categories should be reported in both places.

GRAND TOTAL: _____

Humane Society Needs Volunteers

The Humane Society of Broward County (HSBC) volunteers have visited Broward Schools for more than a decade, teaching students important lessons, such as safety around dogs, the responsibilities involved in having pets, and pet overpopulation. Many of our volunteers are current or former school administrators or teachers who commit to volunteering on average four hours each

month. We provide them with the lessons, training, and support, and they choose the dates and locations that are most convenient for them.

If you are interested in additional information about volunteering with HSBC, contact me, **Carrie Neff**, Humane Education Coordinator at 954-266-6848 or cneff@hsbroward.com

Bright Star Credit Union

Chairman: Nancy Harvey
954-809-5193 Nancy.Harvey@bscu.org



Donate at any BrightStar Credit Union location to help the People of Haiti.

BrightStar Credit Union is doing its part to assist in the Haiti Relief effort by accepting cash donations at any of its locations. Plus BrightStar will match donations received dollar for dollar up to a total of \$10,000. 100% of donations received by BrightStar will be provided to Partners In Health (PIH). PIH is a non-profit organization which works to

bring modern medical care to poor communities in nine countries around the world. PIH has been working in Haiti for over 20 years. Donations to PIH are tax deductible. For more information, visit PIH.org. Members may also call to request a transfer from their account to make a donation.

Nancy

Scholarship Donations

Donor

Carol Call

In Memory of:

Robert Lochrie, Jr.

Undesignated:

Rosemary McGarry,

Elsie Owen

Glenn and Rita Sanderson

Mary Underhill

Plus....

Scholarship donations at the Annual Scholarship Luncheon totaled \$400.00

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Eighty-seven people bought tickets for the Annual Scholarship Luncheon on February 4, and all but 3 showed up. Those who did were greeted by patriotic-heart-themed decorations in red, white and blue! It was nice to see **Evelyn Morris** again; good to see **Glen Sanderson** but too bad Rita wasn't up to coming. Unfortunately, several folks who remembered at the last minute that they'd forgotten to pay were disappointed that reservations were closed. A total of \$400.00 was raised by the Scholarship Fund Raffle. Some of the people who won were **Ethel** and **Rose Pappy**, **Don Roberts**, **Charlie & Martha Pipes**, **Don Roberts**, **Eilene Wallace** and **Diane Texter**. **Doris Cotnoir** won 4 things! **Marelise LeClerc**, **Panchitta Chisholm** and **Nancy Howell** each won 3 and Nancy didn't even buy her tickets 'til half-way through the raffle! Teddy bear centerpieces were once again provided by **Nancy Harvey** and **BrightStar Credit Union** - and 5 people from Bright-



Star (pictured below) joined us at the luncheon. Besides Nancy, **Luis Munoz**, **Sam Chesser**, **John Callahan** and a pretty lady whose name I could not read on her name-tag - even though I wrote it - attended! Thanks, Bright Star!! If you have news about yourself or other members, please let me know - see bottom of page 2 for my number and e-mail address. May the Leprechauns fill your shoes with gold on St. Paddy's Day! And that's the last byte for this month. *Ben*



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